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War Bonds: The 'Spread' Counts
Victory Garden Note

County Chairman C. C. Spragins had 30 local men to breakfast in Hotel Barlow this morning at 7:30 o'clock planning the canvass for the Second War Loan.

Abandonment of Crop Insurance Plan, FSA Urged

Washington, April 13—(AP)—Abolition of the Farm Security Administration, abandonment of the crop insurance program and discontinuance of parity payments on the 1943 and 1944 crops were recommended today by the House Appropriation committee in sending a \$707,040,834 Agriculture Department supply bill to the floor.

The funds recommended for the department's operation for the first half year starting next July 1 were \$20,039,259 more than current year appropriations and \$240,003,647 below budget estimates. Included in the total was \$193,623,000 for parity payments for the 1942 crop year which were authorized in last year's appropriation but for which no funds were made available at the time.

In recommending abolition of the new deal sponsored FSA, created in 1937 and one of the favorite targets of congressional criticism for several years, the committee suggested that its function be transferred to the Farm Credit Administration, which was given the assignment of carrying on many FSA programs already under way.

The committee said it had "taken full cognizance of the criticism which has been leveled at the Farm Security Administration over a period of years" and recalled its own criticism of the agency just last year for "lending excessive amounts to individual borrowers, for indulging of certain of its employees and for its experiments in collective farming, which seemed to resemble the collectivist practices followed in Russia."

Or could it be that the weeds and cut-worms were moving in?

Americans Responding to War Drive

By GEORGE CULLEN Washington, April 13—(AP)—America is responding with a flood of dollars, the Treasury reported today, to the greatest appeal for funds in history—the government's \$13,000,000 Second War Loan campaign.

The drive was opened officially last night by Secretary Morgenthau, but even before the secretary addressed a rally at Carnegie Hall in New York reports began pouring into the Treasury indicating a tremendous early response.

"This is the people's war—All of the people ought to have a part in financing it," Morgenthau told the New York rally in urging full participation by everyone.

Stressing the Treasury's urgent need for funds, the secretary warned that heavier financial sacrifices will be required of the people to meet the growing demands of the war.

"Ten per cent is no longer enough," he said. "We are asking everyone to buy extra bonds this month, even workers who are now participating in the payroll savings plan."

Coincident with opening of the three week campaign, the Treasury disclosed tentative plans to raise a total of \$70,000,000,000 this year—plans which will strike heavily at individual pocketbooks.

Raney had testified, also, that the lifted print, photographed and documented, showed 14 points for similarity to the brother's print.

Rees Turpin, a defense attorney, raised an objection to Raney's testimony on the ground that part of the finger print evidence had been destroyed, thus depriving the defense of its full rights in cross-examination.

After a 2 1/2 minute conference Judge Ridge instructed the attorneys to proceed with direct examination of Raney on other phases of his testimony while he studied the legal question as to what lengths the state could go on the identification of the fingerprint in question.

Raney's testimony was the second link welded in its case against Welsh. Yesterday Joseph Louis Airport, a second hand dealer, from the witness stand identified the brother as the one to whom he had sold a butcher knife found beneath the window of the slain girl.

Miss Welsh's battered and slashed body was found in her bedroom by her mother the morning of March 9, 1943. Both he and Welsh were grandchildren and heirs of a prominent Kansas City real estate dealer.

Delaware's state flower is the peach blossom.

Ruml Backers Seek New Vote on Tax Plan

—Washington

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY

Washington, April 13—(AP)—

Republicans resorted to blockbusting tactics today in an effort to blast away—as you go tax bill out of the Ways and Means committee and get another vote on the Ruml income tax year.

Martin of Massachusetts, brushed aside a proposal by Speier Rayburn (D-Tex.) that Democrat and Republicans join in support of a 20 per cent withholding levy without any tax abatement, and prepared to circulate a discharge petition to force current tax payment legislation to the floor.

If the Republicans can get the signatures of 218 members the House will vote again on the Ruml plan. The skip—a year tax proposal was defeated 215 to 198 two weeks ago, the Democrats insisting against it.

Coincident with the Republican plan, a sizeable bloc of Democrats launched a new move to deliver to the floor a compromise measure that would cancel a large part, but not all, of 1942 taxes.

Martin indicated he would direct the discharge petition at bringing from the committee the proposal by Reps. Robertson (D-Va.) and Forand (D-R.I.) to abate the 6 per cent normal and 13 per cent first bracket surtax on the 1942 income of all taxpayers. The Democratic bloc likewise sought to put this bill on the floor for a vote.

The Republicans, however, maneuvered to bring it out under an open rule that would allow the Ruml plan to be presented as a substitute.

The "compromise" Democrats wanted a rule barring amendments contending the Ruml plan had been beaten once and now the House should have a clear cut vote on the partial abatement bill.

Under the Robertson-Forand bill, the 1942 tax obligations would be erased completely for about 90 per cent of the taxpayers, and reduced substantially for others. Virtually all of the 44,000,000 income tax payers would convert to a pay-as-you-go system.

Both the Robertson-Forand plan and the Ruml proposal, as modified in a bill by Rep. Carlson (R-Kan.), embrace the 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portions of pay envelopes and salary checks.

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Briefly, the new regulations abolished the 3-B classification, heretofore held by fathers engaged in essential occupations: "Frozen" into class 3—All fathers with dependents born prior to Sept. 15, away all dependency deferment for childless married men.

McNutt added that when whole sale drafting of fathers begins "some changes are indicated" in the allotments and allowances paid to families.

May said he did not believe Congress would boost the allowances and allotment and would stick to the policy that bona fide families should not be broken up until absolutely necessary, regardless of financial provisions.

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Adkins, Bailey Aiding Stripper Well Operator

El Dorado, April 13—(AP)—Gov.

Homer Adkins and Chairman O. C.

Bailey of the State Oil and Gas

Commission are interceding with the Patman Small Business committee in behalf of the stripper well operators of South Arkansas.

Adkins today informed a statement to Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.) the committee chairman, saying cost of production exceeded the posted price for crude in Arkansas' 13 so-called stripper field and urging an increase of at least 50 cents a barrel.

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Two More Arkansans Are Jap Prisoners

Washington, April 13—(AP)—Two Arkansans were named today in a list made public by the War Department of 234 United States soldiers held prisoners of the Japanese in an uncharted camp.

They were: Capt. Livingston P. Noell, husband of Mrs. L. P. Noell, Newport, Pvt. Robert S. Jones, son of Lewis Jones, route 1, McCrory

Says Japs Again Massing for New Offensive Thrust

Allied Headquarters in Australia, April 13—(AP)—News of a smashing Allied victory in the skies over Port Moresby, New Guinea, was coupled today with an official warning that the Japanese have massed 200,000 first-line troops at bases above Australia and that a new enemy bid to regain the initiative in the Southwest Pacific may be expected at any moment.

The victory over Port Moresby, in which 37 of 100 Japanese aircraft were reported knocked out of action, brought to 76 the number of enemy planes accounted for in the last two days, and General MacArthur's headquarters said these losses had apparently blunted a large scale air offensive and "dislocated the immediate plans" of the Japanese.

That the Japanese are still a force to be reckoned with, however, was emphasized by Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of Allied ground forces in this theater, who told a press conference that the enemy is making a tremendous effort to regain parity and then mastery of the air.

The Japanese are concentrating their aggressive attention—already developed to a strength of 200,000 first-line troops and a powerful air force—along the island arc northward of Australia for the purpose of returning to an offensive interrupted by successive Allied successes in the Coral Sea, the Solomon, New Guinea and the Bismarck sea," Blamey said.

"Just where the Manpower Commission plans to put all the men they apparently figure on drafting between now and the end of this year is more than I can figure," May said. "The last figures we got from the War Department itself were based on an army of 7,500,000 men."

While he was not prepared to say he would move immediately to control the size on the armed forces the Kentuckian added, "something along that line will be forthcoming unless they can show the need for all these men they seem to be determined to draft."

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Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Social Calendar

Tuesday, April 13th
Iris Garden club, home of Mrs. Claud Agee with Mrs. Frank Porter, co-hostess, 3 o'clock.

The Jett B. Graves class of the First Methodist Sunday School, social meeting at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Kinar with Mrs. Ralph Smith and Mrs. Clyde Hendrickson, associate hostesses, 7:30 o'clock.

A social meeting for members of the Winsome Sunday school class of the First Baptist church will be held at the home of Mrs. Warren Hart with Mrs. Rosalie Trout, Mrs. Ophelia Bolls, and Mrs. Julian Spillers, co-hostesses, 7:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, April 14th
Mayor Albert Graves will be the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Paisley P. T. A. at the school, 3 o'clock.

The Edith Thompson class of the First Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. M. Agee with Mrs. H. O. Kyler and Mrs. R. N. Mouser, associate hostesses, 7:30 o'clock.

Thursday, April 15th
Mrs. Mark M. Smyth and Mrs. Marion Buchanan will be hostesses to members of the Lilac Garden club, 3 o'clock.

Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Eastern Star of Arkansas, Mrs. Neil Cash of Melvern, will make her official visit at the Masonic Temple, 8 p. m. All members are re-

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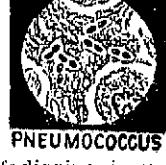
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Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Keith have as a guest, Mrs. Keith's mother, Mrs. W. C. Jack of Texarkana.

After a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Phillips, Sr., D. B. Phillips has returned to his home in Pensacola, Fla.

T-Sgt. Mack Stuart is spending the remainder of the week with Mrs. Stuart while enroute to Camp Hood, Texas from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Keith and their guest, Mrs. W. C. Jack of Magnolia, Miss Mary Louise Keith, and Mrs. Frank Rider are guests of Mrs. Herbert Burnside in Texarkana today.

Mrs. Carl Jones and daughter, Kitty, have arrived from Bay City, Texas to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Franks and other relatives.

Mrs. Doyle Bruce and daughter, Barbara Ann, left today for Alameda, California, where they will be domiciled with Mr. Bruce.

Pvt. Howard Taylor leaves today for Venus, Fla. after a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Taylor, and other relatives and friends.

Personal

Two poems by Clarice Brown, 219 South Washington, appeared in a recent issue of a magazine "Reflections" published in Laurens, New York. Her poems are entitled "We have a Victory to Win" and "War Changes Things".

Friends of Mrs. F. B. Ward will be glad to know that she is rapidly recuperating from a recent tonsillectomy performed Sunday, April 11 at the Tri-State hospital in Shreveport.

Communiques

Sgt. Arthur Barr has been transferred from Camp Barkley, Texas to Camp Cook, Calif. He has been made a member of a cadre unit of the Medical Corps.

From Keesler Field, Miss. comes the news of the promotion of Remmel H. Young to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Young is with the United States Army Motion Picture service.

Pentecostal Revival to End Sunday Night

Revival services, which have been in progress at the First Pentecostal Church for the past week, will continue through Sunday night, the Rev. W. P. Graves, pastor announced today.

The services are conducted by the Rev. E. J. Douglas. The public is invited.

Mrs. Goodman is a graduate of Magnolia A. and M. College and is now a resident of Texarkana.

Sgt. Goodman, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus D. Goodman of Ogdensburg, has been stationed with the United States Army in Alaska for the past two years. He departs next week for Fort Benning, Ga. for Officer Candidate School.

Coming and Going

Mrs. L. E. Hinton of Little Rock arrives today to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. K. G. McRae, and Mr. McRae, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McDavitt and Mrs. Norma Carrigan are leaving tonight for St. Louis, where they will be joined by Pvt. William R. Rounton of Scott Field, Ill. for a visit.

Mrs. Sam W. White has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cross in Texarkana for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hartsfield have recently moved to Texarkana

Populace of Kairouan Flees From City

By WILLIAM B. KING

Kairouan, Tunisia, April 11—(Delayed) (P)—The mosque crowded city of Kairouan, all its municipal utilities wrecked by the fleeing Germans, held out welcoming hands to Allied troops today, while the armor which had smashed through Fondouk pass and shattered the tanks of Marshal Erwin Rommel's tank force swept northward.

The first troops to enter the Moslem holy city were welcomed by hand-clapping Arabs and overjoyed French citizens. Jaws, still wearing the starfish David on their coat lapels as required by the German force, made a great show of tearing off the stars and stomping them on the ground in front of Allied soldiers. All inhabitants told of the wreckage perpetrated by the Germans before they left Saturday night. Wells and the water works were destroyed. The electric plant was blown up, and even the local bakery was dismantled. There were reports departing Germans left quantities of small arms in the hands of Arabs but these were discredited by town officials.

Kairouan, which is one of the largest cities captured by the Allies, was by-passed by the bulk of the armor which headed northward to positions from which it was possible to cut into roads no which enemy troops were retreating northward and also to envelop the Nazi infantry believed still holding positions on the Grand Dorsal range east of Ousseltia valley.

Kairouan is recognized as the center of Moslem culture. It was occupied by a British reconnaissance element during the morning, and American troops moved in as a holding force later in the day.

The British tank force, which crashed through Fondouk pass in strength yesterday, sprang out in the broad level of Kairouan plain in the afternoon and cleared it thoroughly of German armor. The result of this battle, in the wide cultivated fields of young grain and stretches of fallow land, was the destruction of 18 enemy tanks. From 40 to 500 prisoners, mostly Germans, have been taken.

The battle flared up when the rear guard of two Panzer divisions attempted to cut through the tip of Kairouan plain in flight northward. The encircling force consisted of 40 tanks which were attacked by British armor which rumbled into the fight with the sun behind them.

In addition to the 18 tanks, the Allies destroyed 20 anti-tank guns and 20 motor vehicles and forced the Germans to abandon a large quantity of other equipment.

DARK JUNGLES

BY JOHN C. FLEMING & LOIS EBY

Attorney Ill in Lower 13 Murder

Albany, Or., April 12 (AP)—Resumption of Oregon's "Lower 13" murder trial hinged today on the recovery of Defense Attorney Leroy Lomax from illness which brought interruption to the case at a climactic point.

Lomax, who is acting as counsel for Robert E. Lee Folkes, the Negro dining car cook accused of murdering Mrs. Martha Virginia James of Norfolk, Va., aboard a crowded passenger train, was stricken Saturday with bronchitis and influenza.

Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling ordered an indefinite adjournment of court.

Mrs. James, 21 year-old bride of Ensign Richard James, also a Virginian, was slain in her sleeping berth—Lower 13—on a California bound train last January 23. Her throat was slashed in pre-dawn attack of which the state contends Folkes is guilty.

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War Bonds Insure Plenty Costly Weapons for Our Men

Analysis of
the News by
Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
This started out to be a column on the great defeat which we are piling up against the Axis forces in Tunisia, but somehow it's got mixed up with that \$13,000,000,000 War Bond drive of ours.

It isn't that I'm particularly money-minded, for I don't know just how much thirteen billion dollars is. Figures like that don't mean much to the average citizen. However, being just back from a 35,000 - mile tour of the war theaters, I do know that our troops in Tunisia are being rushed to victory on the backs of your War Bonds and mine.

With even more satisfaction one can record that scores of thousands of Allied soldiers' lives are being saved as this bloody battle rages up the coast toward Northern Tunisia where the final Axis stand seems likely to be made. Only a few weeks ago I visited the Libyan battlefields where not so far back the Allied suffered defeat and heavy casualties, not because they didn't fight courageously, but because they lacked equipment.

We are winning now because we have the equipment as well as the men. On the things that impressed me most on my tour, as I have recorded in this column before, was the great striking power the Allied are piling up in the European and middle Eastern theaters. I saw mountainous stores of equipment which are just now beginning to make themselves felt in a big way. And that equipment comes out of our War Bonds.

Marshal Rommel is racing north, his defenses in Southern and Central Tunisia shattered by the combined assault of British, French and American force. One of the most important elements in the Allied success has been air superiority.

Warplanes helped destroy Rommel's defenses at the outset in the Mareth Line. Bombers have blasted his bases and communication on both land and sea. Clouds of light bombers and fighters at this moment are pursuing his routed petros and exacting a terrible toll in casualties.

Well now an average fighter plane costs something like \$165,000. A light bomber is more, and so of until you pay \$350,000,000 for the Flying Fortress which is doing such magnificent work not only in the Mediterranean zone but over Western Europe.

Bombs are being spewed into Rommel's ranks from the air. Every 100 - pounder costs over \$31, and from there the prices range up to \$872 for the big 4,000 - pound devil. The machineguns with which the fighters are strafing the unhappy Axis troops cost \$1,500 each, and the ammunition runs into big money when you figure the expenditure for a day's work.

A bulletin from London says that fifteen more Axis vessels have been destroyed or damaged in the Mediterranean by British submarines. That cuts Rommel off from a lot

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK
National Stockyards, Ill., April 13 (P) — (U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs 14,000; fairly active; mostly steady to strong with average Monday, 10-15 under extreme high time; bulk good and choice 180-130 lbs. 14.75-80; top 14.85 sparingly; odd lots extreme heavies down to 14.60; 160-170 lbs. 14.25 - 60; 140 - 160 lbs. 13.75 - 14.35; 100 - 130 lbs. 12.75-13.60; sows 14.25 - 65, mostly 14.35-60; stags 14.50 down.

Cattle, 4,000; calves, 1,400; supplies light; little done on steers but other classes opening mostly steady; a few medium and good heifer and mixed yearlings 13.50-15.25; common and medium cows 11.00 - 13.00; nothing done on bulls; vealers 50 lower; good and choice largely 15.00; medium and good 12.50 and 13.75; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00 - 17.00; slaughter heifers 11.00 - 16.25; stocker and feeder steers 11.00-15.25.

Sheep, 1,500; market not established.

NEW YORK STOCKS
New York, April 13 — (P) — A sharp break in rail stocks and secondary bonds, attributed to suspension of last year's freight rates increases by the Interstate Commerce commission, brought another relapse in today's securities markets.

Dealers subsided after a fast opening in which blocks of 10,000 Southern Pacific, 5,000 Lackawanna and 4,000 U. S. Steel, with numerous 1,000 - share transactions, crowded the ticker tape. Early losses, ranging from 1 to more than 3 points, were reduced in most cases, and scattered industrial gainers were in evidence, but trends generally were down near the close. Turnover for the full proceedings was around 1,600,000 shares.

The war news as an ameliorating influence but potential buyers

more aid. A medium submarine costs maybe \$3,000,000. If the British were doing their usual good shooting, and used one torpedo for each ship hit, they would have exploded \$163,000 worth of torpedoes, thus an average torpedo costs \$11,000. I don't know where \$165,000 could be invested on more advantageous terms.

I was traveling on an American military transport plane in the Middle East. Opposite me on a stretcher was one of our soldier boys with a broken back. He was being rushed to a city a thousand miles away where there was a hospital which might save his life. He was a handsome chap and all through the long hours he showed his white teeth in a smile despite his mental anguish, for he knew that his life hung by a thread.

Plane crew and soldier passengers all were solicitous for his welfare. Once the pilot sent back to know if a landing which he had made had been too rough for the injured man. Again the skipper asked if the weather was too rough at the height he was flying.

When I got off the plane I leaned over the stretcher and said: "Good luck to you, buddy."

"Thank you, sir," he replied, and he flashed that smile.

They were able to move that lad by airplane because our money and labor had produced the plane and delivered it in the war zone. I'm waiting now to learn whether the chap with the smile made the grade.

held aloof to await further developments on the home front.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE
Chicago, April 13 — (P) — Poultry, live 7 trucks; firm. Prices unchanged.

Butter, receipts 571.80; steady; prices as quoted by the Chicago price current are unchanged.

Eggs receipts 28,290; firm, prices unchanged.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Chicago, April 13 — (P) — Wheat

prices were easily influenced today in either direction but the volume of trading was light as most interests awaited definite developments from Washington. The market advanced around noon but selling attributed to one of the mills brought near the day's best levels, however. Rye fluctuated erratically as commission houses and local interests tested the market.

Wheat closed 1.8 to 1.2 cent higher than yesterday's final level, May \$1.43 34 - 78; July \$1.43 14 - 1.8; oats advanced 1.4 to 1.18 cents; rye 1.4 to 1.58, and corn was unchanged at ceiling bids.

Cash wheat sample grade hard 1.03.

Corn No. 3 white 1.21; sample grade white 1.15.

Oats No. 2 white 67; sample grade white 63 1.2 - 65.

Barley malting 2 - 1.07 nominal.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, April 13 — (P) —

Oversold conditions and a resumption of trade buying lifted cotton prices today. Gains were maintained although trading was light.

New Orleans interests and locals were small buyers on the upturn. Late values were 35 to 50 cents a bale higher, May 20.15, July 19.93 and Oct. 19.76.

Cotton ended about \$1 a bale up as New Orleans and local buying, coupled with continued trade price fixing, found a scarcity of offerings.

Futures closed 80 to 95 cents a bale higher.

May 20.09 open; 20.25 high; 20.08 low; 20.22 - 23 late; up 16.

July 19.86 open; 20.07 high; 19.84 low; 20.04 last; up 19.

Oct. 19.70 open; 19.88 high; 19.69; 19.86 - 87; up 17.

Dec. 19.65 open; 19.84 high; 19.64 low; 19.82 - 83 last; up 19.

McB. 19.59 open; 19.75 high; 19.59 low; 19.74 last; up 17.

Middling spot 21.96 - N, up 14. N-Nominal.

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rem taxes "while other taxes approximated \$210,000." He continued:

"Unless an increase is forthcoming within the next three months, and this increase should be not less than 50 cents a barrel, I believe that the operator in the stripper fields of Arkansas will be well on the road to bankruptcy."

"I have been told by the experts that more and more oil will be needed to meet the increasing war demands and that common exploratory methods are failing to produce this oil. The reserves of oil represented by the stripper fields of Arkansas are tragically located and transportation facilities are present for their ready service to the war effort. Secondary recovery operations have been brought to a virtual standstill due to the fact that the absurdly low price of oil in this area will not permit the employment of these methods for economic reasons."

Bailey's statement pointed out the price was fixed by the OPA.

Deaths Last Night
Beverly Hills, Calif., April 13
228 claudine West, 59, short story writer and movie scenarist who won a special award by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for her collaboration on the screenplay "Mrs. Miniver" died last night. She was a native of Nottingham, England.

Three Years Ago — Cornelius Warmerdam bettered world pole vault record, clearing 15 feet in Pacific Coast triangular meet.

Five Years Ago — Elroy Robing-

ton, holder of world 800 yard mark at 1:49.6, retired from competition because of a bad ankle.

Fires take about 10,000 human lives annually in the United States.

Evans Favors New Rules of Southern Loop

By PHIL CLARKE

Atlanta, April 13 — (P) — Showman Engle, head of the Chattanooga baseball club, who runs his team like a three - ring circus, thumbed dily through a brand new manual from Southern Association headquarters and grinned.

"Yes sir," spoke Joe. "This is the stuff."

"Why it's just what we need to pep up the old ball game. I guess you might call it the 'Daily Dozen Delay Destroyers.'

Engel referred to a set of twelve wartime instructions for players and umpires authored by veteran Baseballer Billy Evans, serving his first year as president of the Southern Association.

Baseball believes Evans, needs speed and hustle. The 39 - year old former big league umpire, who also served several years as general manager of the Cleveland Indians, thinks it's the ump's job to help keep things rolling along and he says so in his manual.

Under the new rule, Southern Association umpires will fire new balls directly to the pitcher, rather than hand them to the catcher for round the infield tossing.

There will be no longer conferences at the home plate when umpires go on the diamond to start the game.

And even arguments will be streamlined. When there is a dispute over the umpire's decision say the rules, no players other than the involved shall take part in the discussion. And when a pitcher is the last man out, retiring his side, he's to go directly to the pitching mound instead of returning to the bench.

Only the catcher and one in fielder will be permitted to confer with a faltering hurler, and bench managers will have the right to go to the mound just once during an inning.

Both teams are to run to and from their positions with no visiting by players on the way.

All of which may mean that Joe and Mabel will get a chance to take in that doubleheader before the night shift begins at the war plant.

Says Pitching Key
to Winning Team

By REX THOMAS

Atlanta, April 13 (P) — Sz you! That, in short, is Doc Prothro's answer to the ancient and accepted belief that pitching is 80 percent of a winning baseball club. And the doctor should know.

Blessed with a bountiful crop of pitchers — and some good ones, too — the unhappy skipper of the Memphis Chicks discovers now that what he really needs is hitting power — and plenty of it.

But while the mastermind of the Chicks bemoans his ill fortune Jolly Johnny Riddle beamed happier than ever at Birmingham.

The monthly supper meeting of the men of the Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday of this week at 7:30 p. m. in the dining room of the church.

The group will assemble in the auditorium and go from there to the dining room.

Rev. O. L. (Rep) Graham of Texarkana will be the guest speaker.

All members and friends of the group are urged to attend.

Sports Mirror

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, April 13 — (A) —

The season is at hand for selecting this year's major league pennant winners, though we can't see what good it will do this year when the team you pick in April may be just a bunch of individuals in Uncle Sam's uniforms by October . . .

Why not just wait until the end of the season and then say: "See, I told you so?" . . . At any rate, here's what this dept. has to offer in the day of selections:

National League

To pick a winner, just pick a Card;

They're full of pep and try so hard.

But never overlook the Dodgers.

A bunch of ancient, draft - free codgers.

The Reds rely on muscle magic

If they're not third, it will be tragic.

The Giants, Pirates and Cubs come next,

As pennant contenders they're all hexed.

The Braves and Phillies are in

With very little hope or cheer.

American League

The first - place vote goes to the Yanks.

As hard to stop as Sherman tanks.

Boston comes second, on a guess.

Because we like the Indians less.

Despite the ballyhoo for St. Louis.

The Browns are fourth, and that's

no hooey.

Then Tigers, White Sox, Senators, A's.

Who are lucky if in the league they stay.

Todays Guest Star

C. M. Gibbs, Baltimore Sun:

"With the parking lot at Pinhook